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Sir:

This is an amendment following final rejection of Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12, 14, 16, and 18-21 as identified in the Office Action of 6-23-2010.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amended and Canceled Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.

**A Complete "Clean Sheet" Set of Claims** is presented in Appendix A